

ELEMENT 2

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

**9J-5 reference
(Repealed)**

Goal 1 Sumter County shall provide recreation and open space facilities in Sumter County so as to create a satisfying and stimulating living environment for County residents.

Objective 2. 1.1 The County shall utilize level of service standards to provide the basis for ensuring that park and recreation facilities are adequately and efficiently provided.

Policy 2.1.1.1 The County will develop, promote and manage a continuous recreation program to provide for the existing and projected recreation needs of the County. The County shall use the recreation Level of Service standards and definitions as set forth below in the overall recreation program and incorporate same into the Land Development Regulations:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Standards</u>
Baseball Field/2,500	
Basketball Courts	1/2,500
Boat Ramps(2)	2 linear ft./1,000
Fishing (Fresh)	demand (1)Golf 1/25,000
Game Rooms	1/10,000
Handball	1/20,000
Hiking	1 mile/10,000
Hunting (acres)(3)	demand (1)
Motorcycling	demand (1)
Multi-Use Rooms	1/4,000
Neighborhood Centers	1/25,000
Picnicking	demand (1)
Playgrounds	1/300 (ages3-12)
Shuffleboard Courts	1/1,000 (+60 yrs)
Softball	1/2,000
Swimming (Fresh)	demand (1)
Tennis	1/2,000
Volleyball	1/10,000

Notes: 1. There are no existing standards for these facilities, need is determined by demand and/or natural resource opportunities available.
 2. Assume that one boat ramp is 10 linear feet and equals 1 facility.
 3. There are 59,061 acres of land available for hunting on state-owned lands.

2.1.1.2 For The Tri-County Villages DRI the following recreation level of service will apply:

Activity	Standard
Golf Course	1 Hole/100 du
Clubhouse	1 Hall/2500 du
Swimming Pools	1 Pool/2000 du
Tennis Courts	1 Court/1000 du
Golf Driving Range	1 Tee/150 du
Bocci Ball Courts	1 Court/ 1000 du
Horseshoe Courts	1 Court/1500 du
Recreation Trail Miles	1 Mile/1000 du
Pickleball Courts	1 Court/1000 du
Softball Fields	1 Field/3000 du

2.1.1.3 For The Villages of Sumter Sector Plan, the following recreation LOS standards will apply:

Activity	Standard
Golf Course	1 hole/120 du
Clubhouse	1 hall/5,000 du
Swimming Pool	1 pool/1,500 du
Tennis Courts	1 court/600 du
Golf Driving Range	1 tee/400 du
Bocci Ball	1 court/400 du
Horse Shoes	1 court/1,200 du
Recreation Trail	1 mile/1,000 du
Pickleball	1 court/750 du
Softball	1 field/5,000 du
Sports Pool	1 pool /5,000 du

Objective 2.1.2. In order to coordinate public and private resources, the County shall staff a Parks and Recreation coordinator to act as liaison with other county departments, State and regional agencies, cities, School Board, and private organizations to coordinate and promote recreation opportunities for all residents.

Policy 2.1.2.1 The Parks and Recreation Coordinator assist Sumter County with determination of specific recreation needs, priorities and economic feasibility. The Committee Chair shall report to the Board of County Commissioners The duties of the Parks and Recreation Coordinator shall include but not be limited to:

- a. researching and developing funding sources;
- b. working with municipalities and the school board to coordinate programs;
- c. survey, as deemed necessary, the population of Sumter County on recreational needs in the County;
- d. assistance in the planning, funding and implementation of recreational programs that are accessible to all age groups and citizens of the County.
- e. investigate possible bicycle trails in the County utilizing abandoned railroadrights-of-way and other routes that can be designated for bicycling.

Goal 2 Protect the Sumter County resource base through acquisition and development of prime open space and environmentally endangered lands.

Objective 2.2.1 The County shall utilize the following policies to acquire open space through public agencies and private enterprise.

Policy 2.2.1.1 Through the development review process, the County shall make known to and provide opportunities, including incentives, for private developers to confer through purchase, donation, leases, transfers of development rights or other means, lands that have been identified for preservation in Map VII-15 of this Plan.

Policy 2.2.1.2 Sumter County shall continue to work with the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department Environmental Protection in securing additional lands under State and Federal conservation and recreational lands programs for open space and recreational use in Sumter County.

Policy 2.2.1.3 In rural areas, Sumter County shall provide for open space through the mandatory reservation of open space as a condition of development approval pursuant to 7.1.1.2 and 7.1.4.8 and through the use of the Master Planned Development process using Objective 7.1.5 and policies 7.1.5.1 – 7.1.5.8 of the Future Land Use element of this plan.

Objective 2.2.2 The County shall insure public access to Sumter County recreation sites, including fresh water shores and riverine areas through the following policies.

Policy 2.2.2.1 Maintain existing boat ramps and beach facilities, and provide for additional facilities as needed.

Policy 2.2.2.2 Sumter County shall identify and work with the lead State or regional agency that is assigned to prepare the management plan for utilization of State purchases to provide access to riverine areas and lake shore areas for recreational purposes.